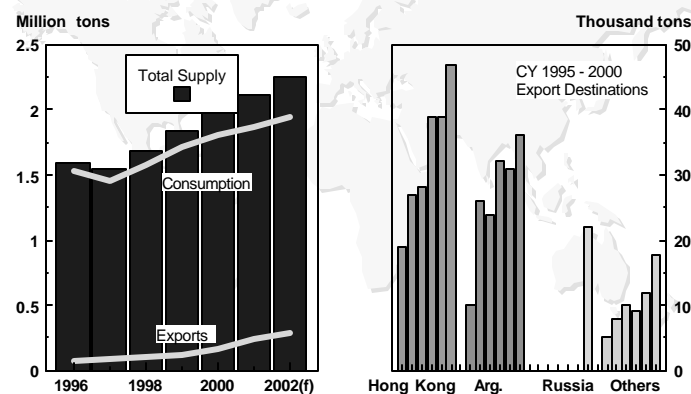


Brazil's Swine and Pork Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001(p)	2002 (f)
Swine (1,000 head)							
Total Supply*	59,646	58,660	59,142	59,712	60,540	61,640	62,483
Slaughter	21,735	20,865	21,160	23,352	24,600	25,830	27,121
Pork (1,000 tons; carcass weight equivalent)							
Production	1,600	1,540	1,690	1,835	1,970	2,117	2,240
Imports	1	6	1	1	1	1	-
Consumption	1,537	1,468	1,583	1,724	1,811	1,870	1,950
Exports	73	83	103	112	163	240	290
Ending stocks	5	-	5	5	2	10	10

* Total supply = beginning inventories + pig crop + imports.

Brazil's Late '90's Pork Production Surge Meets Growing Domestic Demand and Supports Export Expansion



Brazil's pork production for 2002 is forecast up 6 percent to a forecast fifth consecutive record of 2.2 million tons. Production is bolstered by firm demand from the domestic and export market, continued investments in sow production in the Center-West region of the country, continued low feed costs, and remunerative prices paid to producers. Pork production is concentrated in the South region, but expanding in the Center-West region. The region offers better feed availability at lower cost as the grains/oilseed complex expands, fewer environmental restrictions, and better incentives offered by state governments. Pork exports for 2002 are forecast at a record 290,000 tons, reflecting sales into new markets, strong growth in sales to Russia, and the devaluation of the Brazilian currency. Pork exporters are targeting Russia, Asian, and Latin American markets through a strategy of intensifying their participation in trade shows and trade missions to specific markets.

Brazil
PORK EXPORTS
(in metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled

Destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Argentina	21	180	0	0	0	120
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	5,524
Others	17	20	0	0	30	66
Total	38	200	0	0	30	5,710

Frozen

Destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Albania	0	0	0	170	199	117
Argentina	8,089	22,742	20,597	28,013	27,401	31,491
EU-15	1,481	2,664	3,215	1,872	2,720	7,446
Guatemala	0	0	0	50	0	177
Hong Kong	19,032	25,733	26,733	36,971	36,588	45,344
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	125
Macedonia	0	120	333	98	0	272
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	513
Netherland Antilles	264	453	766	720	1,091	1,334
Philippines	0	0	0	0	0	248
Russia	0	0	0	15	23	16,860
South Africa	0	0	38	0	340	687
Switzerland	353	282	802	875	900	476
Uruguay	2,038	3,155	3,640	3,941	5,692	4,314
Others	655	386	333	297	423	890
Total	31,912	55,535	56,457	73,022	75,377	110,294

Processed

Destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Argentina	2,612	3,417	3,818	4,602	4,508	5,167
Hong Kong	484	1,347	2,102	2,173	2,753	2,151
Japan	312	453	145	276	205	87
Paraguay	41	296	473	440	401	596
Uruguay	51	61	26	57	405	268
Others	280	79	59	78	115	202
Total	3,780	5,653	6,623	7,626	8,387	8,471

Grand Total	35,730	61,388	63,080	80,648	83,794	124,475
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Source: U.N. Statistical Office for 1995 - 1997 and Brazil Secretariat of Foreign Trade for 1998 - 2000